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PATENT Case No. 659/923 (17,699)

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Jennifer Marvin))
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 - Mail Stop AF Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2004. In view of the following Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application.